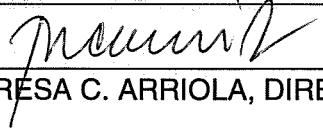


GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER		
TITLE: Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD)	POLICY NO: AD-PA-106	Page 1 of 2
RESPONSIBILITY: Clinical Division, Patient Affairs		
APPROVED BY:  THERESA C. ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR	DATE OF ORIGINAL APPROVAL: 1/28/21	LAST REVIEWED/REVISED:

PURPOSE:

To ensure that each patient's ability and right to participate in medical and mental health decision making is maximized and encourage the use of psychiatric advance directive (PAD) or self-determination declaration pursuant to 10 GCA Chap 91 Guam Natural Death Act. This policy is in compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities Standard 2B.13. (t) and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic 2.C.3

POLICY:

- A. It is the policy of GBHWC to respect and encourage consumer self-determination. Consumers will be encouraged and assisted to be active participants in the decision making process regarding their mental healthcare while they are still competent through education, inquiry, and assistance.
- B. GBHWC intake staff will educate consumers about crisis management services and Psychiatric Advance Directive.
 1. Consumers will be encourage to communicate their desires in regard to psychiatric advance directives to their legal guardian or representative, and guide health care providers in following the consumer's wishes should the consumer become incapacitated or in mental health crisis, and unable to make decisions.
 2. Consumer will be referred to Guam Legal services to formalize their psychiatric advance directives.
 3. A consumer's psychiatric advance directive goes into effect if it has been determined that the consumer lacks the capacity to make treatment decisions during a crisis.
- C. A written declaration of a competent consumer regarding his/her psychiatric care that was signed and witnessed by two (2) individual not responsible for his care is considered valid and needs to be uphold by the clinical provider.
 1. A psychiatric advance directive or written declaration of care can only be revoked or contents be changed by making corrections or writing a new one, signed and witness by 2 individuals not involved in the care.
- D. Staff will be provided with training on psychiatric advance directive (PAD) and shall include PAD in routine care of consumers.
- E. All healthcare professionals are **not authorized** to witness an advance directive/psychiatric advance directive in accordance with 10 GCA Chapter 91 Natural Death Act.